

February 20, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28, 2001
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

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The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
February 28, 2001**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Approval of January 12, 2001 Retreat Minutes and January 24, 2001 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve January 12, 2001 retreat minutes and January 24, 2001 meeting minutes.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. Approve the Consent Agenda.

***ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT**

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

*7. <u>Participation in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Road Cuts Study</u> In December 1999, members at the Management Committee Retreat expressed interest in a consistent approach regarding how road cuts are addressed throughout the region. Following the retreat, the MAG 2001 Unified Planning Work	7. Approve participating in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Road Cuts Study for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.
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Program and Annual Budget included a study to establish a MAG Regional Community Wide Area Network Study and Implementation Plan. An anticipated part of this study and implementation plan was a further review of the effect of road cuts on the service life of urban roads. Staff is recommending that MAG participate in a project sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Research Council Canada's Institute for Research in Construction regarding this issue. The Management Committee concurred with the staff recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEM

*8. Consultant Assistance for the MAG Growing Smarter Implementation Project

Staff is recommending that two existing MAG consultant contracts be amended to provide consultant assistance for the MAG Growing Smarter Implementation Project. Due to the statutory deadline of December 31, 2001 for cities and towns to comply with the growing smarter legislation, it is requested that this assistance begin as soon as possible. Staff is recommending amending the contract with Applied Economics from \$157,483 to \$185,778 to provide projections of sub-regional demographic and economic factors. Also that the contract with Carollo Engineers be amended from \$223,840 to \$240,130 to provide technical guidance and specifications for impacts of regional water demand, and also regional water treatment, wastewater treatment, and solid waste management demand, facility needs, and infrastructure costs. The Management Committee concurred with the staff recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Amend the contract with Applied Economics to add \$28,295, (increasing the contract from \$157,483 to \$185,778), and to amend the contract with Carollo Engineers to add \$16,290 (increasing the contract from \$223,840 to \$240,130) to provide demographic, infrastructure, affordable housing, and revenue analyses for the MAG Growing Smarter Implementation Project.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

AIR QUALITY ITEM

9. Update on Maricopa County Dust Control Efforts

Representatives from Maricopa County will give an update on the strengthened enforcement efforts for the Fugitive Dust Control Rules. Effective enforcement on these regional rules is critical for

9. For information.

the success of the MAG Serious Area Plan for PM-I 0. Please refer to the enclosed material.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

10. Annual Report on the MAG Regional Freeway Program

Each year, MAG produces a report that reviews the MAG Freeway Program. The Annual Report is required by a state law passed in 1992. Its purpose is to address the status of the regional freeway system. Since the first issuance of the Annual Report in April 1992, the Regional Freeway System, as reported in the Arizona Department of Transportation Life Cycle Program, has been in balance with available revenues and construction schedules have been met. The Report will be presented at a joint public meeting with officials from the State Transportation Board, MAG and the RPTA..

11. MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems Strategic Plan Update

In September 1999, the MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems(ITS)Committee launched a project to update the region's ITS Strategic Plan, first developed in 1995. This project was considered a high priority for the region because of rapid ITS developments in the MAG region and at the national level. The final report updated plan documents, existing and planned ITS systems, and provided a "roadmap" for addressing regional needs through future ITS implementation. The Management Committee recommended approval of the update. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. MAG Regional Off-Street System Plan

Throughout the MAG region, numerous opportunities for off-street travel by people who walk and bicycle exist along areas such as canal banks, utility line easements and flood control channels. The MAG Regional Off-Street System (ROSS) Plan reveals a region-wide system of off-street paths/trails for non-motorized transportation. The ROSS Plan provides guidance to MAG member agencies in creating an off-street non-motorized transportation system. The

10. For information and discussion.

11. Approve the MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems Strategic Plan Update.

12. Approve the MAG Regional Off-Street System (ROSS) Plan for inclusion into the FY 2001 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan.

Management Committee recommended approval of the plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Regional Transportation Plan Update

Staff will provide an update on the update of the Regional Transportation Plan. On February 22, 2001, the kickoff dinner for the plan update will be held, featuring Anthony Downs, a Senior Fellow from the Brookings Institute. On February 23, the first forum will be held on "Demographic and Social Change." In addition, the MAG consultant will hold focus groups in various areas of the region. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14. Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force Update

On February 20, 2001, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee discussed the preliminary recommendations of the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force. The Executive Committee expressed concern with the recommendation of the Governance Subcommittee of the Task Force to create transportation districts in Maricopa and Pima Counties. One option recommended by the Executive Committee, rather than establishing transportation districts if new statewide funding becomes available, would be a 30 member citizens' committee appointed by the Governor, initially consisting of the members of the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force. The committee would meet quarterly, to ensure that the projects are consistent with the new funding that is made available.

15. HOT Lane Video

A video presentation on High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes as a complement to existing traffic management strategies for traffic congestion relief will be provided.

13. For information.

14. Recommend to the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force that if new statewide funding is made available, that a statewide citizens' oversight committee be appointed by the Governor, initially consisting of the members of the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force to meet quarterly to ensure that the projects are consistent with new funding that is made available. The oversight committee would be formed rather than establishing transportation districts in Maricopa and Pima counties.

15. For information.

GENERAL ITEM

16. Annual Evaluation of the MAG Executive Director

The employment agreement entered into with the MAG Executive Director on January 21, 1997 provided that the Regional Council review and evaluate the performance of the Executive Director at least annually prior to the annual salary review. The annual evaluation and salary review will be discussed.

The Regional Council may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to the MAG Executive Director evaluation and the salary review. The meeting may then be reconvened to make recommendations regarding the evaluation and salary review. The authority for such an executive session is A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1).

16. For possible action to recess the meeting to conduct an executive session and to reconvene the meeting for possible action to make recommendations relating to the annual evaluation and salary review of the MAG Executive Director.